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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,603,318
AB United States Patent No. 5,526,814
AL German OS 195 08 715
AT US Patent Application Publication 2002/0118280
AU US Patent Application Publication 2001/0016684

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL and AT were identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification constitute a summary of its teachings.

The German counterpart to Reference AT also was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

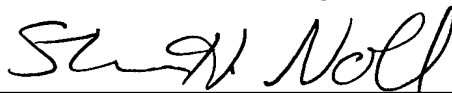
The remaining references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith. Since all of those references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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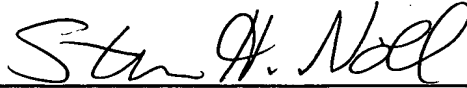
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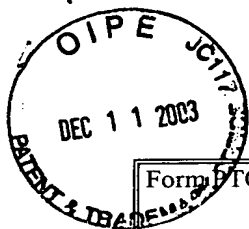
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